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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~the~~ haulage of subsurface-mined material with using at least two similar vehicles, each of said similar vehicles comprising ~~vehicle~~ featuring a travel drive, ~~characterized in that the~~ comprising the steps of

moving said at least two similar vehicles ~~are moved~~ in the a roadway section between the a heading face and a continuously extended haulage means, and

conducting wherein at least one material transfer from ~~one vehicle~~ a first of said similar vehicles to ~~another similar vehicle takes place~~ a second of said similar vehicles between the heading face and ~~the~~ a transfer of the material to the haulage means.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein

said at least two similar vehicles (1, 2) ~~are provided with~~ comprise linear conveying devices (3, 4), ~~e.g., conveyor belts~~, and wherein

at least one linear conveying device ~~(3, 4)~~ of each vehicle ~~(1, 2)~~ is arranged on ~~the~~ a vehicle frame ~~such that it can~~ so as to be raised and lowered, ~~as well as displaced~~ and to be displaceable in the a conveying direction.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said linear conveying devices (3, 4) of the vehicles (1, 2) ~~feature~~ comprise at least one articulated axle that extends ~~transverse~~ transversely to the conveying direction.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2 ~~or 3, characterized in that~~ the , wherein sections of ~~the~~ said linear conveying device (3, 4) of each vehicle (1, 2) ~~that are~~ interconnected in an articulated fashion and are connected to separate actuating drives for raising and lowering the sections.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~one of claims 2-4, characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein at least one section of ~~the~~ said linear conveying device (3, 4) is realized in the form of a sled ~~or connected to a sled that can~~ adapted to be displaced displaceable in the a longitudinal direction of ~~the~~ said vehicle.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~one of claims 2-5, characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of a said linear conveying device (3, 4) is arranged underneath ~~the~~ said linear conveying device (3, 4) ~~such that it can~~ so as to be retracted retractable into ~~the~~ said vehicle frame and raised ~~in~~ into an extended position.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~one of claims 2-6, characterized in that~~ the claim 2, wherein said linear conveying device (3, 4) ~~and, if applicable, the additional separate conveying means (5) are realized such that they can~~ is arranged so as to be retracted retractable into a position that essentially lies within ~~the~~ an outline of ~~the~~ said vehicle (1, 2) in a top view thereof.

8. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein said linear conveying devices (3, 4) are conveyor belts.

9. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein at least one section of said linear conveying device is connected to a sled adapted to be displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

10. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein said linear conveying device and said additional separate conveying means (5) are both arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

11. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein sections of said linear conveying device of each vehicle are interconnected in an articulated fashion and are connected to separate actuating drives for raising and lowering the sections.

12. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein at least one section of said linear conveying device is in the form of a sled adapted to be displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

13. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein at least one section of said linear conveying device is in the form of a sled adapted to be displaceable in a longitudinal direction of said vehicle.

14. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of said linear conveying device is arranged underneath said linear conveying device so as to be retractable into said vehicle frame and raised into an extended position.

15. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of said linear conveying device is arranged underneath said linear conveying device so as to be retractable into said vehicle frame and raised into an extended position.

16. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein a conveying means (5) realized separately of said linear conveying device is arranged underneath said linear conveying device so as to be retractable into said vehicle frame and raised into an extended position.

17. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

18. (New) A method according to claim 4, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

19. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.

20. (New) A method according to claim 6, wherein said linear conveying device is arranged so as to be retractable into a position that essentially lies within an outline of said vehicle in a top view thereof.